GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1042
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
SALE OF LOTTERY
Chandrappan Shri C.K.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Central Government to temporarily stop the sale of lottery tickets of certain States in Kerala, as these lotteries said to have been organized by certain State Governments are run by contractors violating the provisions of the Central Act in this regard;

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum submitted by the Government of Kerala in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) (b) & (c): The Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to prohibit on-line/paper lotteries run by certain States and to temporarily stop the sale of tickets of these lotteries in Kerala alleging that these lotteries were being organized in violation of the provisions of Section 4 of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998. The matter was taken up with the concerned States and they strongly contested the allegations. On the other hand, one of the States has challenged the provisions of the Kerala State Lotteries and on-line Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2003 of the Government of Kerala in the Supreme Court. The Union Government is awaiting the verdict of the Apex Court.